

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (currently amended) A method for use with a digital sender device comprising:

10 inserting a removable data storage media into a removable data storage mechanism arranged within a digital sender device and operatively coupling [[a]] said removable data storage media to logic arranged within said [[a]] digital sender device;

configuring at least one object on a scanning mechanism of said digital sender device; ~~causing said digital sender device to:~~

15 optically scanning said at least one object using said scanning mechanism to form corresponding scanned object data[[,]];

inputting ~~provide~~ recipient electronic mail address data through a user interface of said digital sender device[[,]];

20 with said logic, generating ~~generate an~~ outgoing electronic mail message data using said recipient address data, said electronic mail message data including at least a portion of said scanned object data[[,]];

sending said electronic mail ~~output said~~ message data using a network interface of said digital sender[[,]]; and

storing at least [[store]] said electronic mail message data on said removable data storage media ~~device~~.

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2. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein operatively coupling said removable data storage media is to said digital sender

~~device further includes: positioning a writable optical disc in a writable optical disc drive within said digital sender device.~~

3. (original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said
5 scanned object data further includes a plurality of different versions of said scanned object data.

4. (original) The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein said
plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first
10 resolution version and a second resolution version, said second resolution version having a lower level of resolution than said first resolution version.

5. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein
said portion of said scanned object data includes ~~causing said digital sender~~
15 ~~device to output said message data further includes: causing said digital sender device to output said second resolution version within said message data.~~

6. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein
said portion of said scanned object data includes ~~causing said digital sender~~
20 ~~device to store said message data on said removable data storage device further includes: causing said digital sender device to store said first resolution version on said removable data storage device.~~

7. (original) The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein said
25 plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first version and a second version, said second version being a data compressed version of said first version.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein
5 storing at least said electronic mail message data on said removable data
storage media ~~causing said digital sender device to store said message data on~~
~~said removable data storage device~~ further includes:

storing at least two of said plurality of different versions of said scanned
object data ~~causing said digital sender device to store said first version on said~~
10 ~~removable data storage device.~~

10. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein
said electronic mail message data includes data selected from a group of data
comprising scanned object data, recipient address data, timestamp data,
15 authentication related data, device identifying data, control data, text data,
graphics data, and image data.

11. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a digital sender device having:

20 a data storage mechanism ~~device~~ configurable to access a
removable data storage media,
an optical scanning mechanism configurable to optically scan at
least one object and produce corresponding scanned object data,
a network communication interface configurable to operatively
25 connect to at least one network,
a user interface configurable to receive user inputs, and

logic operatively coupled to said data storage mechanism
device, said optical scanning mechanism, said network
communication interface, and said user interface, wherein said
logic is configured to combine recipient electronic mail address
5 data received through [[from]] said user interface with at least a
portion of said scanned object data to form electronic mail
message data that is then output by said network communication
interface and stored by said data storage mechanism device on
said removable data storage device.

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12. (original) The apparatus as recited in Claim 11, wherein said
scanned object data further includes a plurality of different versions of said
scanned object data.

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13. (original) The apparatus as recited in Claim 12, wherein said
plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first
resolution version and a second resolution version, said second resolution
version having a lower level of resolution than said first resolution version.

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14. (currently amended) The apparatus as recited in Claim 13,
wherein said logic is configured to include said second resolution version
within said electronic mail message data that is output by said network
communication interface.

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15. (currently amended) The apparatus as recited in Claim 13,
wherein said logic is configured to include said first resolution version within

said electronic mail message data that is stored by said data storage mechanism device.

16. (original) The apparatus as recited in Claim 12, wherein said
5 plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first
version and a second version, said second version being a data compressed
version of said first version.

17. (currently amended) The apparatus as recited in Claim 16,
10 wherein said logic is configured to include said second version within said
electronic mail message data that is output by said network communication
interface.

18. (currently amended) The apparatus as recited in Claim 16,
15 wherein said logic is configured to include said first version within said
electronic mail message data that is stored by said data storage mechanism
device.

19. (currently amended) The apparatus as recited in Claim 11,
20 wherein said electronic mail message data includes data selected from a group
of data comprising scanned object data, recipient address data, timestamp data,
authentication related data, device identifying data, control data, text data,
graphics data, and image data.

25 20. (original) The apparatus as recited in Claim 11, further
comprising:

a multiple function device that includes:

said digital sender device, and

a printer mechanism operatively coupled to said logic within said digital sender device, and wherein said logic is further configured to cause said printing mechanism to print out at least a portion of said message data.

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